Pharmaceutical Policy

23. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pharmaceutical policy has been finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the same would be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, based on the recommendations of the Committee under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Pharmaceuticals) and the Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Advisor, Planning Commission as well as feedback received from other stakeholders the Government have formulated a Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy, 2006 (Part-A—excluding pricing) which has been circulated to various departments/ stakeholders seeking their comments. Based on the comments received the Government is likely to finalize the new Policy shortly.

Supply of chemical fertilizers

†24. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of chemical fertilizers does not commensurate with its demand for the past few years in the country;

(b) if so, since when there is shortage of fertilizers in the country;

(c) the details of gap between the demand and supply since the year 2004, year-wise; and

(d) whether there is any possibility to scotch this gap in the coming years and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.